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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111, AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are submitted in response to the non-final office action ("office action") mailed March 16, 2010, in the above-referenced patent application.

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants respectfully petition for a three (3) month extension of time within which to submit a response, thereby extending the period within which to file a response up to and including September 16, 2010. Accordingly, this submission is timely filed within the paid-for extensions of time.

Please charge the **Deposit Account No. 50-0206** in the amount of \$685.00 to cover the fee for a three month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(3), and the fee for 5 additional excess claims, at the small entity rates. It is believed that no other fees are required for entry of

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this response, but should any additional fees be necessary, the Director is authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. **50-0206**. In the event of any variance between the amount enclosed and the fees determined by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, please charge or credit any such variance to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. **50-0206**.

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